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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the response to the Office Action issued August 27, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the present amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

(All pending claims are listed.)

Please amend claims 16 and 18-21 as follows:

16. (Amended) A method for isolating starch from a tuber of a plant comprising the steps of:

- washing the tuber, followed by grating and milling the tuber;
- separating starch from fibers and juice in a separator;
- sieving the starch;
- washing the starch; and
- drying the starch,

wherein the plant is a cassava plant; and wherein the starch has an amylopectin content of at least 95 wt.% based on the dry substance weight of the starch.

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